

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on February 5, 2020

An Open Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 11:30 A.M. in Hearing Room A, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island to discuss, deliberate, and/or vote on the following dockets.

Present: Chairperson Margaret Curran, Commissioner Marion Gold, Cynthia Wilson-Frias, Margaret Hogan, John Harrington, Alan Nault, and Luly Massaro. Commissioner Abigail Anthony and staff Todd Bianco were not present.

- I. Chairperson Curran called the Open Meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. A quorum was present.
- II. Approval of Minutes of Open Meeting held on January 27, 2020 – Chairperson Curran moved to accept the Minutes of Open Meetings. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- III. **Docket Nos. 4995 & 4996 – The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid** – The docket related to the PUC’s review of proposed Electric & Gas Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability (ISR) Plans for FY 2021 submitted by National Grid. The Office of Energy Resources filed request to intervene out of time. Chairperson Curran moved that the Office of Energy Resources be allowed to intervene as a full party in both dockets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gold and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- IV. **Docket No. 4981 – Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island** – This docket related to the PUC’s review of the Episcopal Diocese’s (Petitioner) Petition for Declaratory Judgment on Transmission System costs and Related “Affected System Operator” Studies. The PUC issued a second notice to solicit comments. The Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid submitted comments on January 23, 2020. The Petitioner filed an objection to National Grid’s comments as not being appropriate under the notice and should be stricken. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to deny the Petitioner’s objection and to allow National Grid’s comments to remain as submitted, as public comments. It is appropriate to allow the petitioner the opportunity to file reply comments or orally provide comments at a hearing. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**
- V. **Docket No. 4997 – Versatel, LLC (Company)** – The Company applied to transact as provider of telecommunications service. The Division recommended approval. After review, Chairperson Curran moved to 1) grant the Company’s request for protective treatment of confidential information and 2) approve the application. Commissioner Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed. **Vote 2-0.**

VI. There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Curran moved to adjourn the Open Meeting at 11:41 P.M. A video of the Open Meeting discussion can be accessed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.